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## **Glen Canyon** News Release

## Glen Canyon Announces Further Expansion of the Zebra Mussel Prevention Program

Page, Ariz. - Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA) announced today further expansion of the program to prevent zebra or quagga mussels from becoming established in Lake Powell. Currently, Lake Powell and the upper Colorado River are believed to be free of zebra and quagga mussels. However, these invasive mussels pose a major threat to Lake Powell if they are introduced.

Highlights of the expanded Zebra Mussel Prevention Program include:

- All visitors bringing boats into Glen Canyon NRA are required to display a certificate through their vehicle windshields stating their boat is free of zebra or quagga mussels.
- Visitors bringing boats into the recreation area will continue to be asked a series of
  questions at entrance stations to determine whether or not their boats may be harboring
  mussels. If a boat is determined to be a zebra mussel threat, a mandatory
  decontamination cleaning will be required. Visitors will be required to proceed directly
  to the decontamination station.
- To save time when a visitor arrives at Glen Canyon, visitors may self certify that their boats are zebra and quagga mussel free and display their required dashboard certificate by downloading self certification packets from Glen Canyon's homepage at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/glca">www.nps.gov/glca</a>.

Failure to abide by these regulations is in violation of 36 Code of Federal Regulations 1.5(f). Two citations were recently issued for non-compliance with the Zebra Mussel Prevention Program. One of those citations was issued to a visitor after failure to get a decontamination wash for his vessel which had recently been in infested Lake Pleasant.

Such violations are punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$5,000.00 fine.

Glen Canyon NRA is coordinating efforts with a variety of partners to prevent invasive mussels in Lake Powell. These partners include ARAMARK/Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas, Antelope Point Marina, and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. The recreation area seeks to expand coordination with additional partners this summer in order to enhance prevention efforts.

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